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**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended)      An over-the-wire interlock attachment/detachment mechanism for a medical implant comprising:
  - a male locking body member having a forward end,
  - a flexible locking support having a locking member formed thereon which extends from the forward end of said male locking body member, said flexible locking support, when unrestrained, extending laterally and angularly outward from said male locking body member, and
  - a female lock receiving body member for receiving said locking member, said female lock receiving body member having a first body end and being formed with an indented portion adjacent to said first body end to receive and engage said locking member;
  - wherein one of said male locking body member and said female lock receiving body member comprises an alignment extension while the other comprises an extension receiving cutout and spacer sections which terminate in inclined outer end surfaces, the alignment extension and the cutout being adapted for axially aligning the male locking body member and the female lock receiving body member for engagement.
2. (Currently amended)      The over-the-wire interlock attachment/detachment mechanism of claim 1, wherein said female lock receiving body member is secured to [said]a medical implant.
3. (Previously presented)      The over-the-wire interlock attachment/detachment mechanism of claim 1 wherein a lock operating sheath is mounted to slide on said male